

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) ~~Hair~~ A hair piece for connection with basic hair comprising:

- at least one ~~thin, broad and flat~~ hair bundle (~~3, 3', 3''~~) consisting of a number of ~~parallelly oriented~~ parallel hairs (~~20~~),
- ~~a lightweight and thin~~ an elongated weaving band (~~2, 2', 2''~~) connected to the an outer end of each said hair bundle (~~3, 3', 3''~~) whereby the band is provided with a number of weaving elements (~~11~~) ~~made from hair or another suitable material, like cotton or a synthetic material,~~ and whereby each of the hairs (~~20~~) of the hair bundle is interconnected individually or in groups (~~21~~) with the weaving elements (~~11~~) of the weaving band (~~2, 2', 2''~~),
- connection openings (~~4, 31~~), and
- connection elements (~~12~~) ~~each provided at a regular mutual distance provided at regular intervals along between the weaving band(s) (2, 2', 2'')~~ of the hair bundle(s) (~~3, 3', 3''~~).

2. (Currently amended) ~~Hair~~ The hair piece according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the connection openings (~~4, 31~~) are ~~being~~ provided between the weaving elements (~~11~~).

3. (Currently amended) ~~Hair~~ The hair piece according to claim 2, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the connection openings (~~4, 31~~) are ~~being~~ formed by weaving band loops or by joined weaving elements (~~11~~).

4. (Currently amended) ~~Hair~~ The hair piece according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the connection openings (~~4, 31~~) are ~~being~~ formed by the free space which is present between the connected weaving bands band(s) (~~2, 2', 2''~~).

5. (Currently amended) ~~Hair~~ The hair piece according to ~~anyone of the preceding claims 1-4, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the hair piece (~~1~~) is provided with one weaving band (~~2~~) being connected with two hair bundles (~~3', 3''~~), whereby the weaving band (~~2~~) is ~~basically~~ shaped as a closed loop.

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6. (Currently amended) ~~Hair~~ The hair piece according to claim 5, ~~characterized in that the wherein outer or~~ head ends (30) of a piece of weaving band (2) are interconnected thereby forming a closed loop.

7. (Currently amended) ~~Hair~~ The hair piece according to claim 6, ~~characterized in that the wherein the outer or~~ head ends (30) of the piece of weaving band (2) are abuttingly positioned with respect to each other without overlapping each other.

8. (Currently amended) ~~Hair~~ The hair piece according to claim 6 ~~or 7, characterized in that the wherein the outer or~~ head ends (30) of the piece weaving band (2) are interconnected by means of a stitched seam (36) extending transversely over both weaving band ends.

9. (Currently amended) ~~Hair~~ The hair piece according to ~~anyone of the preceding claims 1—4, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the hair piece (1) comprises two hair bundles (3', 3'') whereby the first hair bundle (3') is connected to a first weaving band (2') and that the second hair bundle (3'') is connected to a second weaving band (2'').

10. (Currently amended) ~~Hair~~ The hair piece according to ~~anyone of the preceding claims 1—4, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the hair piece (1) is configured by comprises a number of small weaving bands (33', 33'', 33''', 33''') each provided with hair bundles, shaped as a closed loop, whereby the small weaving bands (33', 33'', 33''', 33''') are ~~mutually connected~~ (mutually transversely interconnected).

11. (Currently amended) ~~Hair~~ The hair piece according to ~~anyone of the preceding claims 1—4, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the weaving bands (2, 2', 2'') of the hair bundles (3, 3', 3'') are interconnected ~~with their upper sides, in other words, with the sides opposite of the hair bundle (3, 3', 3''),~~ by means of connection elements (12) provided transversely at a regular distance.

12. (Currently amended) ~~Hair~~ The hair piece according to claim 11, characterized in that ~~the~~ upper sides of the weaving band are transversely abuttingly positioned with respect to each other.

13. (Currently amended) ~~Hair~~ The hair piece according to ~~anyone of the preceding claims 1—4, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein repeatedly two connection elements are repeatedly provided at a short distance with respect to each other.

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14. (Currently amended) ~~Hair~~ The hair piece according to ~~anyone of the preceding claims 1—4, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the hair bundle (3, 3', 3'') consists of small groups of hairs (21, 34) provided with interspaces (22) having little or no hair.

15. (Currently amended) ~~Hair~~ The hair piece according to claim 14, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein groups of hairs (21) have a lateral dimension (a) of between about 2 and 4 mm, and the interspaces (22) ~~having~~ have a lateral dimension (b) of between about 0.5 ~~en~~ 0.5 and 3 mm.

16. (Currently amended) ~~Hair~~ The hair piece according to ~~anyone of the preceding claims 1—4, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the hair piece (1) is laterally provided on both sides of one or more groups of hairs (34) with less hair or hair volume.

17. (Currently amended) ~~Hair~~ The hair piece according to ~~anyone of the preceding claims 1—4, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the hair bundles (3, 3', 3'') ~~are each is~~ provided with hairs of different length and/or colour or hue.

18. (Currently amended) ~~Hair~~ The hair piece according to claim 17, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the difference in length between the hairs (20) of the hair bundles (3) varies from between about 2 ~~en~~ and 12 cm.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently amended) A Method method for attaching into basic hair (6) a hair piece (1) according to ~~anyone of the preceding claims 1—19~~ claim 1 comprising the following steps:

a) unfolding the hair piece (1) ~~principally~~ in a substantially flat plane in such a way that the free ends (23', 23'') of the hair bundles (3, 3', 3'') ~~being connected with the weaving band(s) (2, 2', 2'')~~ are extending (3, 3', 3'') in an opposite directions with respect to each other,

b) positioning of the ~~mutually interconnected~~ weaving band(s) (2, 2', 2'') of the hair bundles (3, 3', 3'') in close proximity to ~~vicinity of~~ the basic hair (6), ~~whereby such that~~ the hair bundles (3, 3', 3'') ~~are remaining to~~ remain extended in an opposite directions,

c) ~~conducting~~ passing at least one time a number of basic hairs (~~knot of hair~~) (9, 9', 9'') through a connection opening (4, 31) of the hair piece (1),

e d) interconnecting the passed through ~~knot of~~ basic hairs (9, 9', 9'') with the weaving band (2, 2', 2'') or with another knot of other basic hair (9, 9', 9'') by means of ~~other means while using a method known per se,~~

f e) repeating the steps c) ~~till e)~~ through d) for another connection opening (4, 31) located in ~~or between~~ the weaving band(s) until the hair piece (1) is sufficiently fixedly connected with the basic hair (6) along the length of the weaving band (2, 2', 2'').

21. ~~The Method~~ method for attaching a hair piece according to claim 20, ~~characterized in that wherein step d) further the method known per se for connecting joint basic hairs (9, 9', 9'')~~ comprises the following steps:

positioning of an adhesion piece onto the ~~joint basic hairs (9, 9', 9'')~~ ~~which piece in cross-section is shaped as a straight and/or diverging C,I,L or U shaped profile or the like, either provided or not with interior or exterior ribs, and~~ fixedly interconnecting the adhesion piece with the ~~joint hairs (9, 9', 9'')~~ by application of a ~~method known per se like compressing or shrinking, either with or without using a suitable means and/or by the application of heat.~~

22. (Currently amended) ~~The Method~~ method for interconnecting basic hair (6) with a ~~hair piece (1)~~ according to claim 20 21, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the adhesion piece is attached onto the basic hair by means of a thin sheet-shaped hull, ~~made e.g. from aluminium foil, positioned~~ at a ~~suitable distance of about 203 cm. from the weaving band like e.g. 2-3 cm.~~

23. (New) The hair piece according to claim 1, wherein the weaving elements are made from hair, cotton or synthetic material.